

**ABSTRACT**

A rest for maintaining an elongate article such as a fishing rod in a generally upright position has an upwardly inclined, notched extension in which the article removably may be accommodated when one end of the article is supported at a level below that of the extension. The rest has a concavo-convex body which is capable of partially embracing a cylindrical support rail and includes flexible tie members which may be used to clamp the body to such rail. The body also is capable of being coupled to a pair of generally parallel, confronting, spaced apart clamp members which are movable toward and away from one another so as to clamp the body in upstanding relation to a boat gunwale. A multiple part extensible and retractable arm may be coupled to one of the clamp members and is provided with a socket for the accommodation of the lower or butt end of the article. A releasable latch maintains the extensible and retractable parts of the arm in any selected one of a number of adjusted positions.